



Corporate Services Committee Minutes

December 1, 2016
11:28 a.m.
Council Chambers
Walkerton, Ontario

Present: Warden Mitch Twolan (Chair)
Councillors Robert Buckle, Anne Eadie, Paul Eagleson, David Inglis,
Janice Jackson, Milt McIver and Mike Smith

Staff: Kelley Coulter, Chief Administrative Officer
Darlene Batte, Administrative Assistant
Bettyanne Cobean, Director of Corporate Services
Donna Van Wyck, Deputy Clerk

1. Pecuniary Interest

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest.

2. Action Items

A. Reserve Transfers

Moved by Councillor Robert Buckle
Seconded by Councillor Anne Eadie

That the Treasurer be given the authority to amend approved annual budgets to reflect year end carry over results and report quarterly to the Corporate Services Committee.

Carried

B. Accessibility Policy

Moved by Councillor Mike Smith
Seconded by Councillor Anne Eadie

That the Accessibility Policy be approved as presented; and,

That the current Integrated Accessibility Standards Regulation Policy, Accessible Customer Service Policy, Accessible Customer Service Training Policy and the Accessible Customer Service Feedback Policy be rescinded.

Carried

C. 2017 Property Tax Policy Review

Moved by Councillor Anne Eadie
Seconded by Councillor Robert Buckle

That the 2017 County-wide tax ratios and class discounts be approved as set out in Table 1; and,

That staff be directed to prepare the necessary tax ratio by-law; and,

That the following parameters be established for the purposes of calculating the 2017 Capping Claw back rates in accordance with Section 329.1 of the Municipal Act:

- i. Annualized Tax Limit - Cap based on previous year's annualized tax

That the cap on annualized taxes be 10%.

- ii. CVA Tax Limit - Cap based on previous year's CVA tax
That the cap on CVA taxes be 10%.

- iii. CVA Tax Threshold for Protected Properties (Increasers) - Threshold is applied to move certain protected properties to full CVA taxes

That the threshold that applies to capped properties be set at the maximum allowable amount without creating a shortfall for each of the multi-residential, commercial and industrial property classes - \$500

- iv. CVA Tax Threshold for Claw Back Properties (Decreasers) - Threshold is applied to move certain clawed back properties to full CVA taxes

That the threshold that applies to clawed back properties be set at the maximum allowable amount without creating a shortfall for each of the multi-residential commercial and industrial property classes - \$250

- v. Minimum Tax Level for New to Class / New Construction Properties

That the minimum tax level for new to class / new construction properties be 100%.

- vi. Stay at CVA Tax
 - a. the "Stay at CVA Tax Option" excludes properties that were at CVA tax in 2016 from the capping and claw-back calculation in 2017;
 - b. The "Cross CVA Tax Option" excludes properties that would move from being capped in 2016 to being clawed back in 2017 or from being clawed back in 2016 to being capped in 2017 as a result of the changes to the CVA tax caused by the 2017 reassessment; and,

That the tax relief program for charities and other similar organizations be continued for the 2017 taxation year; and,

That the Tax relief program for low income seniors and persons with disabilities be continued for the 2017 taxation year; and,

That all eligible Legion properties continue to be exempted from the payment of taxes for upper tier purposes for the taxation years 2017, 2018, 2019 and 2020; and,

That no Optional Property Classes are recommended.

Carried

3. Information Items

The following reports were received for information:

- External Audit - BDO Canada Engagement
- Summary of Awarded Tenders Q3 2016
- Bruce County Council/Committee Livestream Update
- Resident and Client Support

4. Next Meeting

The next meeting of the Corporate Services Committee will take place on Thursday, January 5, 2017 in the Council Chambers, County Administration Centre, Walkerton, Ontario

5. Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Milt McIver
Seconded by Councillor Anne Eadie

That the meeting of the Corporate Services Committee adjourns at 11:47 a.m.

Carried

Warden Mitch Twolan, Chair
Corporate Services Committee